Sustainable HFC

March 16, 2022

**Minutes**

1. Call to order and attendance: Janice Gilliland, Mary Parekunnel, Liz Hall-Knight, Nick Paseiro, Mary Lane, Emily Nietering, Jeremy Tabor, Susan McGraw, Hala Al-Siyaghy, Julie Eiermann
2. Approval of minutes from 02-16-22: Motion- Janice; 2nd- Liz; approved
3. Approval of Agenda Items for 3-16-22: Motion- Janice, 2nd- Liz; approved
4. Agenda items
   1. Chair- Janice nominated Mary Parekunnel as the chair for the rest of this semester; Mary accepted the nomination and was elected. We are still in search of a permanent new chair.
   2. Mask recycling update- Mask recycling boxes are located in the J Building near the “new” J wing and in the atrium between G and H.
   3. Electric car charging stations update (Liz)- Nick: Our electrical infrastructure is not ideal. Facilities is applying for state-sponsored grants to upgrade our infrastructure. Mary Lane made a motion that SHFC should recommend car charging stations to the college. This motion was amended to recommend car charging stations to the cabinet. Nick seconded and it was approved. Janice will draft a letter.
   4. Future meeting dates- next meeting 4/16/22 2:30pm via Zoom
   5. Inviting/enrolling new members- we will promote the club for now, as we are getting ready to break for the summer. Liz will be interviewed by Susan McGraw for the radio station. The Mirror News will advertise our next and final meeting for this year.
   6. Tree fund, Beekeeping (Janice)- Liz is trying to find out the balance of the Tree Fund. Dean Hay ([greenteam2001@yahoo.com](mailto:greenteam2001@yahoo.com)) will help facilitate the purchase, although he has moved to Florida and won’t be able to help with the transport of the trees or the planting of them. Julie Eiermann would like to plant a tree for Randy Eiermann near the A Building. We will choose a location and send it to Paul Maitland. Mary Parekunnel recommends checking the soil type to help determine a suitable tree type.

It may make a good SEA or class project to identify the types of trees on campus and make a tree map. Emily Nietering will check with her son regarding an app that may help with this task.

Beekeeping- a PO for two hives on the U of M Side of the walking trail will be completed this week.

* 1. Rain garden updates- Mary Parekunnel’s Environmental Science students had an outdoor workday with Emily Nietering. They cleaned up trash and dug up undesirable trees. Two gondolas were filled and turned over to Facilities. One larger tree remains that needs to be removed but will require tools/equipment.
  2. Green tips for mirror news, about possible interviews and discussions, radio broadcast
  3. Paper wall update
  4. Future activities- none
  5. Other business- none

5. Adjournment- Motion: Liz, 2nd: Julie, adjourned.